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RURAL CONNECTIONS

A Monthly Newsletter Dedicated to the events and activities of Clark County's Rural Communities

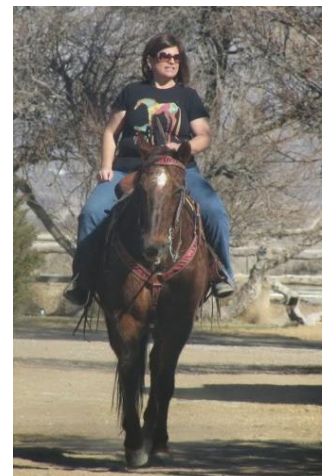
Welcome to the first issue of the Rural Connections newsletter! As a Las Vegas native, a 14 year County employee and a generally curious person, I have had the opportunity to visit every rural town in Clark County. However, it wasn't until I began working as the Rural Towns Liaison to Commissioners Brown and Brager almost 2 years ago that I truly came to realize the beauty and richness of rural Clark County. The communities are amazingly diverse ranging from mountain villages to desert ranching communities to historic mining towns – but also have so much in common like tremendous community pride and resourcefulness.

Those common attributes are what led me to the idea of creating this newsletter. I think there is a huge opportunity for rural towns to learn from each other – like fundraisers or activities that are done in one town might work great in another town, too. I have 3 goals for this newsletter – to celebrate the rural lifestyle and highlight the great things being done in rural communities; to provide a place to list upcoming events, activities, meetings and fundraisers; and, finally, a way for all of the rural communities to connect with one another. In each issue I plan to dedicate a whole page to each geographical quadrant of the county which will include an article about a community event (either a recap of one that already happened or a preview of something upcoming) and a list of the activities for the next month. I will work closely with my fellow liaisons, county staff and local residents to gather information about community events. The newsletter will be emailed to everyone on the mailing list during the last week of each month.

I hope you will find it informative and maybe even a little entertaining! If you know of an upcoming event or something you would like to share, or if you want to be added to the mailing list, please let me know. You can call me at the office at 702-455-0341 or email me at Meggan@clarkcountynv.gov

Thanks for joining me on
this new adventure!

Meggan Holzer
Editor



Indian Springs Appreciation Day at Creech Air Force Base

On Tuesday, March 12th, Creech Air Force Base welcomed Indian Springs residents, students from Indian Springs School, and other local groups to the 2014 Indian Springs Appreciation Day.

This annual event is an opportunity for the public to visit the base, meet Air Force personnel, view displays of military equipment and learn more about what goes on at the base that is such a close neighbor to Indian Springs.

While climbing inside an armored truck and getting to see a Predator Unmanned Aerial Vehicle is pretty exciting, the real highlight of the day is the air show performed by the Thunderbirds. The show included breathtaking maneuvers such as the Arrowhead Loop and the Delta Burst. Twice during the show the audience's attention was drawn one direction only to have a single jet race by unexpectedly from the other direction resulting in cheers and applause.

If you are interested in seeing the Thunderbirds perform, they will be at Aviation Nation at Nellis Air Force Base November 8–9, 2014. Please visit <http://www.nellis.af.mil/aviationnation/> for details.



Behold, my friends, the spring is come; the earth has gladly received the embraces of the sun, and we shall soon see the results of their love!

-Sitting Bull

Events for April – Northwest

- **Thursday, April 10** – Indian Springs TAB meeting, 7:30 pm at the IS Community Center
- **Saturdays, April 6, 13 & 20** – Junior Ranger Program at the Spring Mountains Visitor Center in Kyle Canyon, 1 – 2 pm, visit www.gomtcharleston.com for details
- **Friday, April 11** – Bus trip to the County Fair from Indian Springs**
- **Thursday, April 17** – Roos N More at the Indian Springs Community Center, 10 am – 2 pm**
- **Saturday, April 19** – Indian Springs Community Easter Egg Hunt at the Community Park by the High School, 11 am
- **Thursday, May 1** – Mt. Charleston TAB meeting at the Mt. Charleston Library, 7 pm

*TAB = Town Advisory Board

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It's Fair & Rodeo Time Again!

The Clark County Fair had its beginning back in 1965 as the Moapa Valley Fair. Although small in size, it had all the flavor and elements of a good old county fair. From this simple beginning, the Moapa Valley Fair became an annual event. In April 1988, the very first Clark County Fair was held at the current location at the Clark County Fairgrounds. Then, in 1997, the fair once again changed its name. Now known as the Clark County Fair & Rodeo, over 80,000 patrons come to the fair every spring.

With the rodeo, musical performances, exhibits, livestock show, great food and carnival midway, there is definitely plenty of fun for everyone!

The fair kicks off Thursday, April 10th at 10 am and runs through Sunday, April 13th at 9 pm. For schedules, tickets, directions and all of the details visit www.ccfair.com

April hath put a spirit of youth in everything.

~William Shakespeare

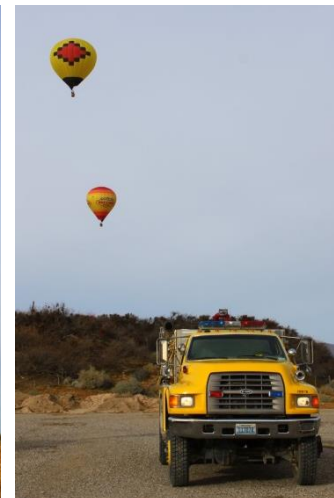
Events for April – Northeast

- **Wednesday, April 9** – Moapa Valley TAB* meeting at the Moapa Valley Community Center, 7 pm
- **Thursday, April 10 – Sunday, April 13** – Clark County Fair at the Clark County Fairgrounds in Logandale
- **Wednesday, April 16** – Moapa Town Spring Egg Hunt at Robinson Park, 10 am
- **Thursday, April 17** – Logandale Spring Egg Hunt at the Sports Complex, 10 am
- **Tuesday, April 22** – MLB Pitch, Hit & Run Contest for kids 5–13 at the Sports Complex in Logandale, 3:30 pm, call 702–398–7480 for more information.
- **Tuesday, April 29** – Moapa TAB* meeting at the Marley P. Robinson Justice Court & Community Ctr, 7 pm
- **Thursday, May 1** – Bunkerville TAB* meeting at the Bunkerville Community Center, 7 pm

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14th Annual Sandy Valley Balloonfest was uplifting!

The Sandy Valley Volunteer Fire Department hosted their 14th annual Balloonfest and Pancake breakfast on Saturday, February 22nd at the Keystone Center in Sandy Valley. The annual event is the biggest fundraiser of the year for the SVVFD. The money raised is used to purchase equipment, provide training and community services like free shots and physicals for kids. Balloonfest attendees had the opportunity to take an early morning ride in a hot air balloon and get a bird's eye view of the Sandy Valley landscape. For those a little less adventurous, a tethered balloon ride was also available. The delicious breakfast featured giant pancakes expertly flipped by the Fire Chief himself! The event also included raffles, fire safety demonstrations, displays from local civic organizations and the opportunity to meet local law enforcement officers. Late in the morning, a Mercy Air helicopter made a landing and kids got to climb inside and buckle up! Balloonfest is held every February. The date for 2015 will be shared here in Rural Connections next year.



Events for April – Southwest

- **Wednesdays, April 2, 9, 23 & 30** – Adult/Teen Basketball at the SV School Gym, 6:30 – 8:30 pm**
- **Saturday, April 5** – SV Parks and Rec Field Trip to see Captain America**
- **Saturday, April 5** – Bingo at the Keystone Center in Sandy Valley, 7 pm
- **Tuesday, April 8** – Sandy Mesquite Valley Dev. Assoc. meeting at the SV Community Center, 6:30 pm
- **Tuesday, April 8** – Sandy Valley CAC meeting at the SV Community Center, 7:30 pm
- **Saturday, April 12** – Blue Diamond Community Clean Up
- **Thursday, April 17** – Sandy Valley Grange meeting at SV Senior Center, 6 pm
- **Saturday, April 19** – Pancake Breakfast at the SV Senior Center, 8 – 11 am
- **Saturday, April 19** – Community Easter Egg Hunt at the Community Center Park in Goodsprings, 1 pm
- **Sunday, April 20** – Community Easter Egg Hunt at Peace Park in Sandy Valley, 1 pm
- **Tuesday, April 29** – Goodsprings CAC meeting at the Goodsprings Community Center, 7 pm

* CAC = Citizens Advisory Council

** Contact Shawna at 702-723-5040 for more information

Spring Has Sprung in Laughlin

During four days in mid-March, Laughlin held its 11th annual Town Fest. The festivities in Town Center in the heart of the residential area included a carnival with rides for the children, food and drink and vendor and informational booths. The highlight was the parade on Saturday along Needles Highway. It provided an opportunity for the community to come out and enjoy the spring weather and see their friends and meet new neighbors.

Colorado River Heritage Greenway Park & Trails



The Colorado River Heritage Greenway Park & Trails opened in July 2012 as a designated American Great Outdoors facility and has been receiving rave reviews by visitors. More and more people are discovering this jewel tucked away at the foot of Lake Mohave, Davis Dam and the celebrated river. Clark County in partnership with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and National Park Service developed the project with Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act

(SNPLMA) funding. The trails have been further enhanced and extended by federal Conservation Corps volunteers, federal work groups from Provo, Utah and other local groups. In what is affectionately known as the “North Reach”, camp hosts are always available. Well planned and designed, it offers about 10 miles of multi-use trails, native plants and beautiful vistas of the Colorado River, Davis Dam and beyond. It is also a great place for family and group picnics. There is a very modern playground and a unique spray pad for the kids. Clark County Parks & Recreation has held 5K runs and movies under the stars there and bicycles, snacks and horse trail riding concessions are in the planning stages and may be available soon.

Events for April –Southeast

- **Monday, April 7** – Breakfast at the Searchlight Senior Center, 11 am
- **Tuesday, April 8** – Laughlin TAB at the Regional Government Center, 1:30 pm
- **Wednesday, April 9** – Searchlight TAB at the Searchlight Community Center, 6 pm
- **Thursday nights** – Dinner & Bingo at the Searchlight Senior Center, Dinner at 4:30 pm and Bingo at 6 pm
- **Saturday, April 19** – Searchlight Community Easter Event at Searchlight Park, Scavenger Hunt at 11 am & Easter Egg Hunt at 12 noon. Call 702-297-1682 for more information.
- **Saturday, April 19** – Annual Easter Eggstravaganza at Laughlin’s Mountain View Park, games & performances start at 9 am, egg hunt begins at 10 am. Call 702-298-3413 for more information.
- **Wednesday, April 23 – Sunday, April 27** – 32nd Annual Laughlin River Run www.laughlinriverrun.com